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Little Review;

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Inquisition of Scandal:

Consisting in *Answers of Questions and Doubts, Remarks, Observation and Reflection.*

Wednesday, July 11. 1705.

A Certain *Scotchman*, for the Society cannot call him Gentleman, having formerly sent a Letter to the Club, Challenging the Author of the Society with reflecting on the *Scots Nation*, in a Satyr call'd the *True Born English Man*, receiv'd an Answer in General, which that Author, not being willing to enter into a serious Reflection upon the *Scots* as a Nation, thought was Satisfactory.

But this Revengeful *Scot*, to make good the other Scandal on his Nation, viz. That they rarely forgive, will turn all the Banter of a Satyr into a National Affront, and therefore has follow'd his former teizing Letters, with another almost a Year after—and thus full of ill Language, and threatening to expose the Author, if it be not reply'd to.

The Author, to let him see he is not to be Bull'd into it, refuses positively to give any Reply to him, at least till he has *Manners enough* to write like a Gentleman; only where-as he owns himself a *Scotchman*, the Author

of the *True born Englishman*, says he cannot believe him; for that the *Scots* generally are Gentlemen, and know how to behave themselves better.

But an Honest, Loyal Chimney Sweeper happening to be before the Society upon some extraordinary Business, was so exceedingly mov'd at hearing this Letter read; and that the Author of the Satyr would not Answer it, that in a great Passion he swore he would Answer it himself.

The Society, who could by no means admit the first part of the Man's Discourse, resolv'd to Fine him for Swearing, and then gave him leave to reply to the *Scotchman*—

The Substance of the *Scotchman's* Quarrel at the Author of the *True Born Englishman*, consisted in his Charging the *Scots* with Fraud in these two Lines,

Rape rules the Portuguese and Fraud the Scots.

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And

And in another Page speaking of the Scots,

With Native Truth. —

Upon which the *Chimney Sweeper* said, he Pleaded Justification; and that tho' there might be a great many Honest Gentlemen among them, yet that the *Native Truth* of the Scots was under a general Scandal in the Esteem of several Nations; and that there was ground sufficient to raise such a Satyr upon, from the general Character the Scots have obtain'd in the World, in their Trading Capacity.

The *Chimney Sweeper* added very Civilly, That as to the Soldiery, and especially the Gentry, they were allow'd to be as Brave as any Men in the World — but he could appeal even to themselves, whether the Common People deserv'd the Character of the Honest Men in Trade.

But as to *Fraud Ruling them as a Nation*, he affirm'd it was true, and appeal'd to the whole Nation to reflect on their Actions with *King Charles the First*, for a Proof of it; and if the *Scotchman* can Answer it, the *Chimney Sweeper* tells him, he is ready to enter upon the Dispute with him, when he pleases.

As to the Satisfaction for this Affront, the *Chimney Sweeper* tells him his Weapons are his Bag and his Broom; and behind *Cheapside Conduit*, or any where else, he'll talk *Chimney Sweepers Latin* with him when he pleases, and give him a dusting, and if the *Scotchman* pleases to bring the *Wallet* he talks on, for there are so many of them carry *W'allets*, they are hardly to be known asunder, he promised to Correct him for Charging an Author with a Mistake of the Press, which his own Latiness suffer'd him not to see Corrected in the succeeding Paper.

Then the *Chimney Sweeper* brought in a Charge of Idiotism against this *Bonny Scot*, for Quoting what is not to be found in the Book, since he writes it thus,

Rage rules the Portuguezes, Fraud the Scots.

Who the *Portuguezes* are, the *Chimney Sweeper* desired to know; and as *Portuguese* was always allow'd the Term to express the People of *Portugal* by, he desired the *Scotchman* to open his

Wallet, and put on his Spectacles, and tell him whether to say the *French-es*, and the *Dutch-es*, and the *Swiss-es*, and the *Sweeds-es*, and the *German-es*, *Danes-es*, and *Scotts-es*, is not as good Sence as the *Portuguezes*.

As to the *True Born Englishman's* saying he did not know which of the three Nations he would be of, the *Scots*, the *Welsh* or the *Irish*; The *Chimney Sweeper* said the Author was a Fool to make a difficulty of it, for that he had rather be an *English Chimney Sweeper* than any of them.

THE Author of the *English-Post* was brought before the Society, for calling the *French Army* under the Dukes of *Villeroy* and *Bavaria*, a Parcel of Cowards and Poltrons, before they were prov'd so.

Upon his appearing he denied the Fact, but his Paper of *July* the 9th being produc'd, wherein he tells us, That the *French Army* was reported 80 *Battalions* stronger than the *Confederates*, and yet that they remain'd behind their Lines — It must be that they were most egregious Cowards, that they should skulk behind their Lines when they were 40000 Men stronger than us, in Foot too.

The Society was just going to Censure him, when one stood up, and Pleaded for him, that 'twas his Ignorance, and desired he might be excused, since as it appear'd by the same Paper he did not know what a *Battalion* was, or whether the Term belong'd to the *Horse* or the *Foot*; since he tells us in that very Paper, that a Party of the *Confederates* met with *Two Battalions* of *Hussars*.

Upon the consideration of these Absurdities, the Paper was Censur'd by the the Society as Impertinent and Ridiculous, and the reading of it was recommended to all those that were Content with reading *Daily Courants*, or Foreign Nonsense Translated into *English* Nonsense, and Foreign Scandalous Reports into *English* Scandalous Reports; and then saying, on Pretence of being Faithful Translators, they have no hand in spreading false News.

THE Author of the *Review* having refused to make any reply to the Shifting and Shuffling of the *Daily Courant*, was summon'd to Answer the following Letter.

Gentlemen,

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THe Author of the Review being severely Charg'd by the *Daily Courant* with pretending to serve the Government, and yet Declaring, if he had thought the Government would have enquir'd of him about his News, he would not have meddled with it, is desired to reconcile the difficulty between his Loyalty and Civility, since the *Courant* objects there, How then could he be a Friend to the Government.

The Review being Summon'd, Answer'd, very well, since in the first Place, if the Government took Notice of it, what need was there of the Author ——— It could be no Disservice to the Government for the Review to forbear telling them, what they knew without him; and therefore, as the *Courant* is not pleased to accept the Civility, his Gratitude is suitable to his Sense, to tax the Author's Loyalty, in saying if the Government knew it before, he would not tell them.

But on the other hand, it does not appear, that every Man that is a Friend to the Government, must turn Informers of every Offence he sees Committed; he is a good Subject that does every thing the Law requires. Now the Law does not require a Man to Accuse to the Government every Offender; and therefore, when he saw this Man Translate Foreign Shams into English Sedition, he thought himself oblig'd to blame the Practice in General, but was not bound to turn Informer; and withal, must tell the *Daily Courant*, That his Paper has been remarkable for a forward rendring the falsest of Foreign News, if he Review would have turn'd Informer, it has been before now in his Power, and yet he hopes his forbearing has not been want of Respect to the Government.

After all, the Author affirms, That to Translate Foreign Malice, favours of English Sedition, and the *Courant* may come off from it as well as he can; he believes the Author had better let the Defence of it alone.

That the Fleet has met with any Disaster, is false, the Report of it was a Malicious Lie; the Translation of it, put into the best Terms possible, must be an Error, and all Mr *Courant* can say to it, will not excuse it.

Besides, 'tis too well supposed, and the Truth is something plain, that this Story is not a Foreign Lie, but an English Lie put into a Foreign Language; and to Translate it, is but restoring the Lie to its Original, the Author of the *Daily Courant*, letting himself be the Wise Tool of a Frenchman, to spread Reports abroad, to serve a Foreign Design; the Paper out of which he Translated this News, being Composed here in London, under the Pretence of a Foreign Paper; in which such Stories are wilfully put, as are Calculated to serve a Hot-Headed Party Interest, presuming that the *Daily Courant* will be the Faithful Translator, and hand it about in English to the World; and a farther Proof of this shall speedily be made to the World, in the Prosecution of the Review.

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